

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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SUSUMU IGARASHI ET AL.)	
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Application No.: 10/073,112)	
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Filed: February 12, 2002)	
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For: IMAGE CODER/DECODER, IMAGE)		
CODING/DECODING METHOD, :		
AND STORAGE MEDIUM)		November 17, 2006

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

Each of the listed documents was cited in an Office Action dated August 18, 2006 from the Japanese Patent Office in connection with a counterpart Japanese application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is enclosed.

For the concise explanation of relevance of JPA 06-054196, the Examiner is directed to the English-language abstract attached thereto, as well as to corresponding U.S. Patent No. 5,838,834.

Applicants note that a complete English translation of JPA 08-195954 is enclosed. (A copy of its English-language abstract is enclosed as well.)

Each foreign patent document cited in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this statement. The U.S. Patent, U.S. Patent No. 5,838,834, is being cited as an English counterpart in lieu of an English translation.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

While no fee is believed to be due, please charge any fee that may be due in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 503939.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	5,838,834	11/17/98	Saito	382	25.1	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
JPA	06-054196	2-25-94	Japan			Abstract & Corresponding US Patent
JPA	08-195954	7-30-96	Japan			Translation

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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